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1.(C) Summary: The GOB asked the International Organization for Migration to conduct a two-day legal seminar on Bahrain's new Anti-Trafficking 2.(U) Bahrain's Ministry of Interior approached International Organization for Migration (IOM) country director Sura Lori in April and requeste 3.(C) Mattar told poloff that the training went well, and the new law is "very good," but implementation remained the primary challenge. Based 4.(C) Muhammad Shahidulhague, IOM's Middle East regional representative, told poloff that he still believed that Bahrain leads the rest of the 15. (SBU) Sheikha Sabika, King Hamad's wife, asked IOM to lead next November's Anti-TIP conference in Bahrain. According to Shahidulhaque, the 16. (SBU) Bahrain's Labor Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) plans to host a small conference in October for experts in labor migration issues. 17. (SBU) Lori met with Mohammed Nass, Chief Executive of the Ministry of Information's Tourism Monitoring Directorate, on July 23. Nass, a for 18. (C) State/G/TIP is also funding IOM programming here. Shahidulhaque told poloff that IOM will seek a six month, MANAMA 00000492 002 OF 002

8.(C) Comment: General Zayani is an important figure in Bahrain. Not only is he the head of the national police, but he is a leading member of